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Glen Canyon News Release

Government Shutdown Forces Closure of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument

Page, AZ – Because of the shutdown of the federal government caused by the lapse in appropriations, the National Park Service (NPS) has closed all 401 national parks, including Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument. All visitor facilities including Carl Hayden Visitor Center, park lodges, campgrounds and roads – except for Highways 89 and 95, thru ways – are closed. The parks will remain closed until the government reopens.

Superintendent Todd Brindle said that park visitors in all overnight campgrounds and lodges will be given until 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday, October 3 to make travel arrangements and leave the park. In addition, all park programs and special events have been canceled.

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument host 2100 visitors on average each day in October; nationally, more than 715,000 visitors a day frequent the National Park System. The park will lose an estimated \$2000 of entrance fees each day of the shutdown. Nationwide the NPS stands to lose approximately \$450,000 per day in lost revenue from fees collected at entry stations and fees paid for in-park activities such as cave tours, boat rides and camping. Gateway communities across the country see about \$76 million per day in total sales from visitor spending that is lost during a government shutdown. Visitors spend about \$238 million a year in the communities around Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument.

In Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument, 125 employees are on furlough because of the shutdown and over 500 concessions employees are similarly affected. Fifty-one employees remain on duty, providing security and emergency services.

Nationwide the shutdown has also furloughed more than 20,000 National Park Service employees; approximately 3,000 employees remain on duty to ensure essential health, safety, and security functions at parks and facilities. About 12,000 park concessions employees are also affected.

Because it will not be maintained, the National Park Service website will be down for the duration of the shutdown. NPS.gov has more than 750,000 pages and 91 million unique visitors each year.

For updates on the shutdown, please visit www.doi.gov/shutdown.

About the National Park Service. National Park Service employees care for America's 401 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities.